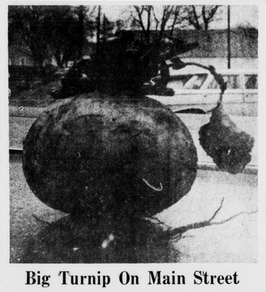


Big Turnip On Main Street

This big turnip, all eight pounds of it, did not grow on Main Street. Warner W. McFadden grew it in neighboring Buckingham County, the largest turnip he has ever grown. Mr. and Mrs. Orville Gunter, who live on the same farm, brought the turnip to town the other day. They say it's been a great year for turnips at their place. They are asking, "Is there a bigger turnip in Appomattox?"

Letters Protest Tariff Increase

Virginia Commissioner of Agriculture Richard D. Chumney today announced that he has sent letters to government officials protesting increases in tariffs and levies by Common Market countries.

Letters were sent to President Johnson, Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman, Virginia Senators Harry Byrd and A. Willis Robertson, and members of the Virginia Congressional Delegation.

Chumney stated, "These barriers have already drastically reduced sales of Virginia poultry to countries within this market complex from an estimated 28.5 million pounds in the year ending June 30, 1962, to 12,968,839 pounds in the year ending June 30, 1964.

"As recently as October 30, 1964, the supplemental levy to West Germany was raised approximately 1.1c per pound. In addition to this, the supplemental levy was raised again on November 16, 1964, another 1.6c per pound. Total levies on U. S. poultry shipped to West Germany now equal over 16½c per pound as compared to a pre-common market tariff of about 5.9c per pound, including a four per cent turnover tax.

"The leaders of our poultry industry are in agreement that variable levies, supplemental levies, and gate prices as now imposed by the Common Market are contrary to the spirit of free trade and the spirit of the general agreement of tariffs and trade.

"Realizing that removal of these variable levies and gate prices must await negotiations of U.S. through the current Kennedy Round and or under the Trade Expansion Act, the industry strongly supports the resolutions of the International Trade Development Executive Committee which stated in part, "That the United States Government should immediately lodge a protest against the recent actions of the European Economic Community which, since October 30, doubled the supplemental levy being applied against U.S. chickens and have brought the total levies to 16½ per pound. The levy is about three cents per pound above the quoted farm price in the United States. Supplemental levies on egg products also were sharply increased."

Abbitt Approved By Assembly

RICHMOND — Judge George F. Abbitt, Jr., of Appomattox was one of five judges elected by the General Assembly without a dissenting vote Thursday, Dec. 3, to fill unexpired terms.

Abbitt was serving under an interim appointment. He had been named to succeed Judge Joel W. Flood, who died earlier this year. He is judge of the Fifth Circuit Court.

The judges had been nominated by the Democratic caucus of the General Assembly Wednesday, but then had to be approved by a vote of the entire General Assembly.

Appomattox Native Leaves Account Of Unusual Hospital Experience

Mr. Jefferson "Jeff" Kinney, native of Appomattox, and well known here wrote down on a scrap of paper beside his hospital bed, his account of an unusual religious experience which occurred not long before his death May 21, 1964.

Mrs. Kinney thought that for his many friends in the area an account of just who, happened in Mr. Kinney's life might prove very helpful to many and possibly a real inspiration to readers.

Mr. Kinney's chaplain, Homer C. McElyea, in writing to Mrs. Kinney of just what occurred in the hospital room said, "The experience that he related to me seemed to be very vivid and real. He told me that he had spent much time the previous days and nights in meditation and prayer. He seemed to be aware that death was not far away. As he related the experience to me, it was about the midnight hour one night in April 1964 when he was praying and found a close communion with the Lord. He said it seemed to him that he was touching God with one hand and his wife with the other. He gave me the full assurance that everything was alright with the Lord.

Mr. Kinney, writing beside his hospital bed in a Veteran's Hospital, gave this account:

"Myrtle: Mrs. Kinney, while you, the Lord, and I were walking together Sunday night, of course, I couldn't see the Lord, I didn't even see you. But I was wide awake as I am at this minute, and you were both there with me. I can't define where it was, except it seemed to be somewhere out in space. All of a sudden, however, we were in a particular place. We had just gotten back from and were on this side of 'The Valley of the Shadow of Death.' I was assured that God and you would also accompany me on my final trip across. This disturbed me for a while because I couldn't see how we could cross over together without you having to die at the same time as I did, and I didn't want you to die. Then I suddenly realized that you had just finished the first trip there with me and you weren't dead. I believe that I actually died Sunday night and was brought from the other side of the Valley because I was all ready to go for the very reason that I am correcting this P.M."

That very evening Mr. Kinney called for chaplain McElyea. Together they observed the Lord's Supper and Mr. Kinney was baptized an hour or so later, using the therapy pool at the hospital.

Mrs. Kinney related that Mr. Kinney asked to join the church immediately, and was placed on her church roll.

Mr. Kinney passed away May 21. As a veteran of World War I he was buried with full military honors. A classmate of Watkins Abbitt, he was very active in high school affairs here, and liked to act and sing in various productions.

Mrs. Kinney now lives in Norfolk as does Mr. Kinney's stepson, Charlie Scott. A son, J. B. Kinney, Jr. is in Oklahoma.

An attendant at the Veterans Hospital told Mrs. Kinney that he was "proud to be a part of Mr. Kinney's baptism", and that seldom had he been so moved by a religious service as the one that took place there.

Good Package Deal

When it comes to exterior decorating, it's hard to beat the folks who design the gay cards and envelopes; the colorful wrappings that brighten up everybody's mail around this time every year.

It's hard but not impossible, because— have you noticed?, those holiday messages and parcels don't really look their gayest until one final touch is added. And that touch is — a row or a block of smiling sparkling 1964 Christmas Seals!

But there are even better reasons for remembering that your holiday mail isn't complete without a liberal application of this decor. One is the reminder Christmas Seals bring to all beholders that this isn't just a season of unanimous fun and well-being, but also a time to help others! The other reason why lavish use of Christmas Seals is important is a thoroughly practical one: the more of them you use and the greater your contribution to the Christmas Seal association, the more will be accomplished in the determined effort to protect people against tuberculosis and other respiratory diseases.

VA Answers

Q — Does National Service Life Insurance or U. S. Government Life Insurance ever count as income on claims filed with the VA?

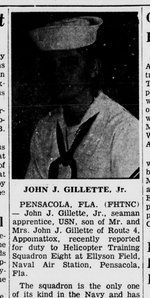
A — Usually not. However, NSLI or USGLI does count as income for parents filing claim for Dependency and Indemnity compensation.

Q — If a veteran had service in both World War II and the Korean Conflict period, which service period would be used in figuring his deadline date for using his GI loan?

A — Whichever service period would give him the latest deadline date would be used.

Q — My husband was a veteran of World War I. Will the VA furnish a monument for his grave?

A — The Department of the Army will furnish a headstone or marker for the grave. Any VA office will assist in making application.



JOHN J. GILLETTE, Jr.

PENSACOLA, FLA. (FHTNC) — John J. Gillette, Jr., seaman apprentice, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Gillette of Route 4, Appomattox, recently reported for duty to Helicopter Training Squadron Eight at Ellyson Field, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla.

The squadron is the only one of its kind in the Navy and has the mission of training Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Crops helicopter pilots.

Coronation Held At New Hope

A Girl's Auxiliary Coronation Service was held at New Hope Baptist Church last Sunday evening. Five girls participating in the service were recognized for their achievement in mission study. Those who completed the step of Maiden were Kathy Ferguson, Joan Coleman, Nelwyn Coleman, Margie Bea Morris.

Peggy Morris completed the requirements for the Queen-with-Scepter step. She presented a talk entitled: "What A Teenager Can Do To Help Her Community To Be Christian." Sheila Torrence served as Bearer of her scepter.

The G. A. Director at New Hope is Mrs. R. B. Carter. The leaders are Mrs. Kyle Coleman and Mrs. M. E. Jacobs.

George F. Abbitt Elected Trustee

Judge George F. Abbitt, of Appomattox, was among six trustees elected to the Board of Trustees of Virginia Baptist Hospital last week. Calvin W. Falwell, jr. and Leonard S. Bradley of Lynchburg were elected along with Lacey Putney, of Bedford; Mrs. Malcolm Fuller, Bluefield, W. Va., and J. H. Denny, of Amherst.

Trustees reelected this year were W. Ewart Boswell, of Lynchburg, and N. R. Burroughs, of Martinsville. Officers reelected are Basil G. Watkins, president, E. Franklin Younger, jr., vice president; R. E. Jones, vice president; Royall, treasurer, and Charles S. Elliott, secretary.

Pamplin School PTA Observes Education Week

PAMPLIN — The Pamplin Parent-Teachers Association observed the annual National Education Week Tuesday evening, Nov. 17, in the school auditorium. Patrons were invited to visit classrooms. The book fair was held as a part of the monthly PTA program.

Robert W. Carter Pledged To Phi Delta Phi

RICHMOND, Dec. — Robert W. Carter, of Appomattox, has pledged Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity at the University of Richmond's School of Law.

Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Carter, did his undergraduate work at Lynchburg College, where he received a B. S. in Economics. The new pledge is a graduate of Appomattox High School.

Corncob Jelly Tasters Submit Various Comments

County Agent Jim Smith brewed up a batch of corncob jelly and took it with him to the District Agents meeting at Blacksstone recently. About fifty agents and special guests were each given a sample of the Jelly—then asked for comment. Some guessed it to be "apple." Others wrote "too sweet." Someone said. It is just right to give to the person who has everything."

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Hollywood

Mrs. Covington spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ronald and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Mr. Alfred Allen attended in the Virginia Hospital. His many friends wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. Beasley, Jr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley visited Mrs. W. H. Wingfield Sunday and Mrs. W. T. Wingfield attended a silver wedding Saturday night honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woodall, Farmville, by their daughter, Mrs. Logan Hubbard, of Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Banton, Tommy Gene and Wayne, of Richmond, spent Saturday with Mr. Banton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Banton.

Those visiting Mrs. C. E. Franklin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin and family, Mr. David Franklin and Mr. Billy Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Watson and girls visited Mrs. Arthur Slider and Mrs. Frank Goin, of Dillwyn, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bagby called in the home of Mrs. R. S. Franklin Monday afternoon.

Mr. A. G. Hancock and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Austin visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Banton Sunday. We are glad to report Mr. Banton is feeling better this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Webb visited Mrs. R. S. Franklin Sunday night.

Those visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wingfield and family and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bagby Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. James Waldron and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dill, of Bedford, Mr. Frank Wingfield, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall, Miss Debbie Woodall and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Covington, all of Lynchburg.

Rocks

Dec. 7 — It was quite cold here a few days last week.

Ernest Ranson and family, of Norfolk, spent Thanksgiving here

Clarence Richardson will return to work today after a three week's vacation.

The Rock's Home Demonstration Club had their Christmas party and exchanging of gifts on Thursday night with Mrs. W. R. Moore.

Mrs. Joe Almond and Jane spent Friday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Richardson.

A number were selling tobacco in Farmville Thursday and were satisfied with the prices.

Mr. Gosson was quite sick last week. He is some better now.

Gloria Ranson and Christine Dickerson were shopping in Lynchburg Tuesday night.

A number are planning to attend M. night meeting at Liberty tonight.

The W.M.U. will have their Week of Prayer for Foreign Mission on Tuesday at 10 a.m. with Mrs. Evelyn Almond and Wednesday night at church at 7 p.m. and Friday night at church at 7 p.m.

Cassie Baldwin was visiting her cousin, Mrs. Ethel Young at Southside Hospital Sunday afternoon. She remains about the same..

A number from here went to Evergreen Sunday night to hear The Gospel Echoes Quartette from James River Church, near Williamsburg, sing.

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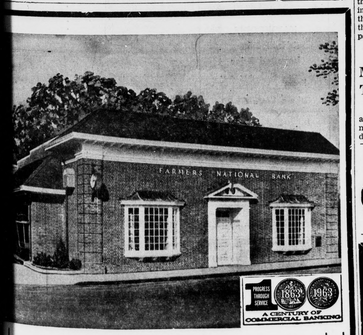

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The Pastor Speaks

Rev. Thomas Waddill

" . . . I was sick and you visited me . . ." (Matt. 25:36) Jesus set the example for Christians in ministering to the sick and commanded that they follow that example.

Last week we tried to understand what the hospital patient was feeling and experiencing. This week we want to discuss ways to make visits more effective. The efforts of the doctors, nurses, and the entire hospital staff are directed at getting the patient well and home again. As pastors, family, and friends we share in this desire. It is important that we learn how to visit. Perhaps the following suggestions will prove helpful.

1. Use good common sense and courtesy in visiting. Remember that you are a "visitor" and not "at home" in the hospital. Respect visiting hours and regulations. "No Visitor" and "Isolation" signs, and closed doors. Remember that even though a close relative is in the room, the other person may be a total stranger. It is a good policy always to knock or in some other way call attention to your presence before entering a room. If the light above the door is on, the patient probably needs a nurse and will not welcome company at the moment.

2. Be careful about touching the patient's bed and the apparatus surrounding it. A movement that is barely noticeable by a well person may cause excruciating pain to the patient. The following illustration shows that we can easily misjudge how shaking the patient's bed might affect him. A patient had undergone a delicate eye operation and had to lie flat on his back to prevent strain on his eyes. He commented, "Lying there blindfolded for nearly three weeks I experienced many new sensations. I became acutely aware of voices, movements and noises about me. But the one thing that stood out above everything else in hospital experience was the number of times my bed was jarred, knocked, leaned against, and sat upon. After about a week of this, **when I heard footsteps approaching I had a compulsion to yell out and say 'Please do not touch my bed! !'** (Richard K. Young, **The Pastors Healing Ministry**)

3. Size up the situation at a glance while entering the room. Let the situation as you see it determine the course of your visit. If the patient is receiving intravenous infusions of blood or glucose, one's approach and visit would not be the same as if the individual were sitting in a chair enjoying the last stages of convalescence. In this regard, be thoughtful of the other patient's in the room. Consider going to the lounge if the other patient in the room is much sicker than the person you are visiting.

(To be continued next week)

Make-Up Meeting Today For Lions

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Background Scripture: Philemon
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Three Friends

Lesson for December 13, 1964

Who knows how to find the book of Philemon in the Bible? It is one of the shortest "books," less than a page long. Who can name two Bible books that are shorter? Without looking it up, who knows who wrote it, and what it's all about? Well, it's about three men and their strange friendship. Strange because as most people would look at it, they didn't have much in common. One was a slave, one a prisoner on false charges; (the prison was real enough), and the one a free man. **What was it these three men had in common?**

The Thief and the Victim

One of these three was a man of property. He was at least rich enough to own a slave. The rich man was named Philemon, the slave, Onesimus. The name was a kind of joke, perhaps, for the word **Onesimus** in Greek means useful or beneficial. **Perhaps** Philemon hoped Onesimus lived up to his name. Perhaps he thought — like a modern parent who has gone to the wrong used-car dealer — that he had been gyped in the used-slave deal and been stuck with a slave who would never in the world be of any real use. Anyhow, this Onesimus had decided to go to Rome. Naturally he did not consult his master about this. Rome was a long way from Colossae where he lived, so he borrowed the money (again without mentioning it to Philemon). So he became a wanted man: wanted as a runaway slave, wanted as a runaway thief. Somehow or other he got into jail at Rome: probably because he had committed some other illegal act. But in jail, besides all the usual jailbirds, he met a most unusual man named Paul, who "by chance" knew Philemon and perhaps had seen Onesimus loafing about the house. Now the strange thing here is that Paul and the thief Onesimus actually became friends. No less than Paul tried to bring together and reconcile the thief and his victim. What was it that made Paul think he could possibly persuade the two men to live together as brothers?

Above the Law?

Take another look at those three men. One of them, to judge from Paul's attitude to him, lived well within the law. You would have been surprised to hear of Philemon in jail. Onesimus was another sort of bird. Finding him in jail was a shock to nobody. He lived outside the law. Philemon didn't because he didn't need to. He was already a better man than the law required.

Christ Is the Answer

At the risk of insulting the readers' intelligence, let us suggest the answer—it is all the same one—to the questions that have been asked. What did these three men have in common? At first, perhaps little. In the end, Christ. They were all three slaves (as Paul would put it) of Christ, they were Christ's men. He is the answer to the question: How can we get over the barriers between man and man, class and class? Again, what made Paul think he could reconcile a thief and his victim? The answer is, Christ had come into the life of Onesimus. He intended to live up to his name. Christ had made a new man of him. Or again: what law is higher than the highest human court of justice? It is the law of Christ, which means the law of love. In this short letter Paul mentions Onesimus about four times, but Christ eleven times. Our human problems would not be wiped out, but we would be on the way to solving them, if Christ were invited into every tense and angry situation.

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IN THE DOG HOUSE

A hollow tree trunk, found in the woods, and boarded up at one end makes a good home for a farm dog or wild pet.

Sixth Virginian Honored By 4-H

Mrs. T. W. Taylor, Arlington, became the sixth Virginian to be honored as an outstanding former 4-H member during the banquet honoring 4-H alumni held during the 43rd annual National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago last week.

Other national winners have been Congressman Watt Abbitt, Appomattox and Mrs. Frank Carr, past president of Va. Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, formerly of Appomattox, now in Algeria.

Dickerson 4-H

Mr. Dickerson's Seventh Grade 4-H Club met Dec. 4. We said our pledges and sang a song.

Mr. Robert Alderman, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, at Appomattox, was our speaker. He spoke on our heart.

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